

SENATE RESOLUTION 87
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Jefferson County Humane Society.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this legislative body recognize those organizations that provide care and nurturing to homeless and otherwise unwanted animals; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Humane Society is one such organization, providing shelter and comfort for the nearly 2,800 animals that pass through its doors each year; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Humane Society was founded over 20 years ago by Katherine Noyes, a first grade teacher, who nursed a stray dog and later found it a home. She was dubbed "the doglady", because of the stray dogs she began accepting in her home; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Ms. Noyes and co-founder Carol Morgan and others led to the local Humane Society's incorporation in 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the Society found homes for 220 stray dogs; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Humane Society employed an animal control officer and purchased a truck; and in 1985, Humane Society volunteers built the first countywide animal shelter with help from private donors; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, a lack of operating funds forced the shelter to close; however, it reopened in four months with funding from private donors; since then the shelter has received public funding to assist in its operations; and

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WHEREAS, since 1994, donors have contributed \$55,000 to the shelter for building additions and renovations; and

WHEREAS, the shelter is presently managed by Desiree Ellsworth, who is extremely dedicated to the animals she cares for; she often works extended hours without compensation to ensure the well-being of the animals; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this legislative body recognize those persons whose contributions to their communities serve as a model for others to emulate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor employees, volunteers, and other supporters of the Jefferson County Humane Society and extend to them our heartfelt thanks for their unyielding commitment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.